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June 20, 2011

Kai Jamtgaard
Dakota Contracting Corporation
2208 W. 50th Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57105

Dear Mr. Jamtgaard,

This letter is in regard to the actions of one of your subcontractors on the 69th Street and Tallgrass Avenue project your firm is working on for the City of Sioux Falls. Don Runge has become reckless in the operation of equipment on this site, and appears to be unable to perform his work in a proper and skillful manner. Examples include the following:

- May 31: Don Runge damaged Southeastern Electric's main feed to the Avera Heart Hospital and North Central Heart Institute while excavating outside of the roadway grading limits near Medical Court (West). This utility was marked, but no effort was made to hand dig around this marked utility as required by state law. Mr. Runge was working alone, but personnel from another subcontractor were working within 100 feet of Mr. Runge at the time of this incident. Power was cut to the North Central Heart Institute for a period of time. The Avera Heart Hospital has a backup power generator that came online as a result of this incident.
- June 8 (estimated): Don Runge damaged an SDN vault near Tallgrass Avenue and did not report the damage to the utility or the Engineer. This damage was discovered by utility personnel on June 13. Mr. Runge claims he does not know anything about this utility vault being damaged. This is a fiberoptic line on a major loop for SDN, and further damage could result in considerable loss of service in this area of the City.
- June 13: Don Runge damaged a City fire hydrant and another Southeastern Electric line west of Tallgrass Avenue on 69th Street. Mr. Runge excavated an area approximately 3 feet deep where the grading plan shows an area of fill. Southeastern Electric has informed the City of Sioux Falls that this area was outside the area that was located by SD One Call as of this date. Extensive damage was done to the Southeastern Electric line. Due to the damage to Southeastern Electric's lines on May 31 by Mr. Runge, this is the only power feed for the entire 69th Street corridor, and will cause a major power disruption if this line is cut. Mr. Runge claims he does not know anything about the damage to Southeastern Electric's line or the fire hydrant.

We understand that you have discussed these issues with Mr. Runge, and that he has agreed to cease operating equipment on this construction site. We agree with your decision in this matter. However, if Mr. Runge is seen or suspected of operating any piece of equipment on this construction site for the remainder of the project, the City will exercise its right under Section 8.12.A of the General Conditions and officially remove Mr. Runge from the project.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Assistant City Engineer
City of Sioux Falls

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